[President.]

to the conclusion that a firm which has done successfully a work which was done so unsuccessfully before in Travancore,viz., the work connected with the Rubber factory might be given a chance to start a Plywood factory. That does not prevent any Travancorean starting a Plywood Factory. I have promised 4 or 5 of them that exactly the same or better facilities will be givn, but till now no steps have been taken by those who have approached me.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know the amount of Income tax paid by them every year?

PRESIDENT: It is a well known law that nobody can know the amount of income tax paid by any person. It is a law recognised by all Governments and in most courts. The names of the various persons and the amounts paid by them are entirely confidential and any person who divulges that information is acting against the general trend of the law in this matter. If any officer divulges the income tax or super tax or excess profits tax paid by anybody he is liable to instant dismissal. It may be that higher officials may send for information or papers for certain purposes, if there are criminal or other proceedings in which the information will be useful. But otherwise the Head of the Government is not aware of the income tax paid by anybody in the State.

Appointment in the Public Service.

133 ✻ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the policy underlying the appointment in the Public Service of the State:

(*a*) of non-Travancoreans; and

(*b*) of non-Travancoreans above the age of 55?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) Such appointments are made when the needs and exigencies of service require an exception being made to the general rule regarding recruitment to public service.

Non-Travancoreans in Government Service.

134 ✻**MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of Non-Travancoreans who have been appointed to places in Government service carrying a pay of Rs. 100 or more during the last five years and will the Government be pleased to give the reason for such appointments?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The time and labour involved in the preparation of the answer are disproportionate to its possible utility.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether it is because the number is so large that it is not easy to supply the information.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The answer is there and it is self explanatory.

Extension of service.

135 ✻ **MS. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state the principle pursued by Government in sanctioning extension of service to officers due to retire?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The member is referred to Article 304 T. S. R.

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